

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to honor Charles Burks for receiving the Spirit of Justice Award from the Indiana Civil Rights Commission.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION to honor Charles Burks for receiving the Spirit of Justice Award from the Indiana Civil Rights Commission.

Whereas, at the height of the Civil Rights movement in 1960, Charles Burks was one of the U.S. Marshals who escorted Ruby Bridges, the first black child to attend William Frantz Elementary School, into the previously segregated elementary school in New Orleans;

Whereas, Mr. Burks showed great courage in the face of racism and went on to participate in the integrations of the University of Mississippi and universities in Alabama and Georgia;

Whereas, Mr. Burks was presented with the Spirit of Justice Award from the Indiana Civil Rights Commission (ICRC) at the Indiana State Museum. The Spirit of Justice Award, the ICRC's highest honor, is given to people who have been inspired to act by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream to promote equality; and

Whereas, Charles Burks' wife of sixty-two years, Betty, and his grandson, Rick, made the trip to be with him as he accepted this award. When asked about his grandfather's accomplishment, Rick noted, "Throughout the years I learned

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more and more about what he had done. At family gatherings I would always hear about what was going on. It's pretty amazing to see a party of history. He led an incredible life.": Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates
2 Charles Burks for receiving the Spirit of Justice Award from the
3 Indiana Civil Rights Commission.

4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Charles Burks and his family.

